

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Daniel Pearl Music Days

WHEREAS, Daniel Pearl Music Days is an international network of concerts that utilize the power of music to reaffirm our commitment to tolerance and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Pearl Music Days was created in response to the 2002 kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl at the hands of extremists in Karachi, Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, Daniel was a talented musician, who joined musical groups in every community in which he lived, leaving behind a long trail of musician-friends spanning the entire world; and

WHEREAS, after Daniel's death, his family and friends came together to work towards a more humane world, forming the Daniel Pearl Foundation, with the mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding through journalism, music and innovative communications; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of Daniel's October 10th birthday, World Music Days uses the universal language of music to encourage fellowship across cultures and build a platform for harmony and humanity; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Daniel Pearl Music Days has grown to include the participation of more than 8,900 performances in 119 countries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2012 as Daniel Pearl Music Days in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this <u>4</u>th day of September, 2012

> Lincoln D. Chafee Governor